

## **Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office**

### **Lesson Plans for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Catholic School Students**

In the study, *Consideration of Priesthood and Religious Life Among Never-Married U.S. Catholics* by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University - Washington, D.C. that was published by the USCCB, it was found that, “75 percent of male respondents who have considered a vocation report that they first did so when they were 18 or younger” and “One in four Catholic females who have considered becoming a religious sister did so before they were a teenager.”

With this data in mind, the Diocesan Vocations Office has developed lesson plans for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students that will help plant seeds of discernment and foster a culture of vocations in our Catholic schools.

The lesson plan for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students includes Vocations Story Time – ideally, once a month, the students are read a children’s book about the priesthood, religious life, married life, or prayer. The Vocations Office has compiled a list of children’s books about vocations and a potential schedule to follow (*please see schedule below*). Additional activities for *after* Vocations Story Time may include practicing prayer, arts and crafts, or time for questions. For more information or ideas for additional 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level activities, please email Fr. Alex Roche or Kyra Krzywicki at [vocations@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofscranton.org).

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Schedule:**

September: [Listening for God: Silence Practice for Little Ones](#)

October: [Little Convent in the Big City](#)

November: [Father Ben Gets Ready for Mass](#)

December: [The Night the Saints Saved Christmas](#)

January: [Molly McBride and the Purple Habit](#)

February: [One Holy Marriage](#)

March: [Jack Giorgio: Future Priest](#)

April: [Gianna Beretta Molla: Wife, Mother, and Doctor](#)

May: [The Plans I Have For You](#)